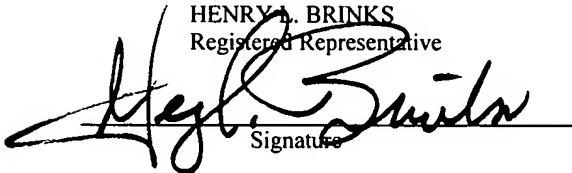




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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action of June 26, 2006, please amend this Application as indicated below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

No **Amendments to the Drawings** are offered at this time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4.

Remarks begin on page 10.